THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Out of a total of 22 villages situated in the sanctuary portion (788.75 sq. km.) of Melghat Tiger Reserve, 3 villages have already been relocated. An amount of Rs. 63.00 lakhs has been provided under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger to the State for relocation of 3 more villages from the remaining 19 villages. The recent amendments to Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 in 2006 provides for the relocation process, to benefit the people being relocated as well as to maintain inviolate areas for wild animals.

(b) The expenditure details regarding proper utilization of fund earmarked for the scheme, as received from the State is at Statement (*See* below).

(c) An area of 526.92 sq.km. of the tiger reserve is being managed as multiple used area.

Statement

Expenditure details and proper Utilization under Project Tiger Scheme

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of Tiger Reserve	*Release 2004-05	*Utilization 2004-05	*Release 2005-06	*Utilization 2005-06	*Release 2006-07	*Utilization 2006-07 (as on (Dec. 2006)
1.	Melghat	93.183	132.49	165.00	248.13	134.51	109.47

* Includes Central Assiatance provided to the State for village relocation, apart from other works as approved in the Annual Plan of Operation.

**Includes utilization for Central as well as State's allocation under the scheme.

Head office of Wildlife Crime Control Bureau

1248. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that within a radius of 250 kilometre from Nagpur, there are six tiger reserves, thus obviously it becomes the tiger capital of the world;

(b) if so,whether head office of the newly announced Wildlife Crime Control Bureau would be located at Nagpur for effective control and periodic monitoring of these tiger reserves; and

(c) what envisaged activities have been launched since 1989-90 when Government announced a "Centrally sponsored beneficiary oriented scheme for tribal villages of Project Tiger areas, national parks and wildlife sanctuaries"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Action has been taken for constituting the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau based on enabling provisions in Chapter IV C of the Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Act, 1972, which, *inter alia*, includes creation of Regional Offices in sensitive areas.

(c) The funding support provided for relocation of villages under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of this Ministry (Beneficiary Oriented Tribal Development (BOTD), Project Tiger and Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries) is provided at Statement (*See* below). During the Xth Plan, the components of Beneficiary Oriented Tribal Development Scheme have been merged with the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Schemes of 'Project Tiger' as well as 'Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries'.

Statement

State-wise detail on release of fund for relocation of villages under Beneficiary Oriented Tribal Development, Project Tiger and Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries Scheme

Sl. No.	Year	Madhya Pradesh	Karnataka	Maharashtra	Orissa	Rajasthan	Uttaranchal
1.	1997-1998	45.00	25.00	-	40.00	-	-
2.	1998-1999	350.00	-	-	-	-	-
3.	1999-2000	201.08	68.50	-	-	-	-
4.	2000-2001	200.00	64.65	46.00	-	-	-
5.	2001-2002	300.00	100.00	-	-	-	-
6.	2002-2003	210.00	300.00	400.00	-	145.92	-
7.	2003-2004	374.00	283.00	-	81.00	-	-
8.	2004-2005	-	150.00	-	-	-	-
9.	2005-2006	175	77.00	17.00	-	80.00	110.67
10.	2006-2007	230	58.80	-	-	-	-

NOTE :-

1. During IXth Plan under Beneficiary Oriented Tribal Development Scheme.
2. During Xth Plan under Project Tiger and Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries.